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Begin invites pope to visit Israel

JERUSALEM, June 2 (Agencies) -- Prime Minister Begin today invited Pope John Paul to pay an official visit to Israel. Mr. Begin told the Knesset that he had received the invitation after learning from French Jewish leaders that the pope had expressed a readiness during his visit to France to visit Israel. "The government of Israel is happy to invite the pope as head of the Roman Catholic Church but as one who has rescued Jews during the Nazi rule of Europe," the prime minister said. Meanwhile, in a strong condemnation of a new initiative toward international recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Mr. Begin lashed out at Europe for its silence with Nazi Germany's annihilation of European Jewry. He traced the World War II record of virtually every European country, claiming there was not "a single country in Europe that did not collaborate with the Nazis."

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IMF to consider PLO as observer

PARIS, June 2 (R) -- A working party of governors from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreed today to consider an application by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) for observer status at their annual meetings. The working party has met twice before to consider whether to study the application. Today's decision means it will eventually make a recommendation to the full IMF and World Bank boards to accept or turn down the PLO application. The working party is composed of governors from Belgium, France, West Germany, Indonesia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan and Yugoslavia. The statement did not say when the working party would meet again or when it hoped to make its recommendation.

Jordan denounces attacks against W. Bank mayors

AMMAN, June 2 (Agencies) -- Jordan denounced the attacks against the mayors of the occupied West Bank of Nablus and Ramallah

described the bombings of their cars as "another criminal act of terrorism" committed by the Israeli leadership.

Mayor Bassam Al-Ramallah of Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf had leg injuries in the bombings of their cars were bomb-attacked this morning.

Prime Minister, Sharif Hamud Sharaf, told the session of the National Executive Council: "We condemn the Israeli occupation authorities and in the name of the Jordanian government we denounce the attack against the two mayors of Nablus and Ramallah."

The continuing violence underlined the tension in the area and pointed up the necessity to find a just solution to the Palestinian question, which is at the heart of the Middle East problem, the spokesman quoted Mr. Waldheim as saying.

In Damascus, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat held the United States and Israel responsible for the attacks. The Palestine Liberation Organisation vowed retaliation.

The PLO executive committee also called for a general strike throughout the Israeli-occupied West Bank tomorrow to protest the "barbaric crime of Begin and his gangs."

An executive committee statement said the PLO resolved to seek a U.N. Security Council debate of the "explosive situation" generated in the West Bank by the car-bomb attacks on Mr. Shak'a and Mr. Khalaf.

In a statement issued in the Syrian capital, Mr. Arafat blamed

the car-bombing attacks on the Americans because, he said, the United States was "directly responsible for the acts and doings of the Israeli occupation authorities."

He described the bomb attacks as an act of "official terrorism against Palestinians."

The PLO executive committee, in a separate statement in Damascus, said "terrorist Begin will get an answer for this act."

The statement urged the West Bank population to declare a general strike tomorrow and "demonstrate our will to resist the Israeli fascist occupation."

An earlier PLO statement in Beirut said the car bomb attacks were part of a "systematic campaign of terror by Israeli occupation authorities against Palestinian nationalists."

The statement charged Israel was trying to "muzzle the free voice of the Palestinian people under occupation."

In Washington, the United States expressed outrage and shock over the attacks and said the incidents could only hurt Israeli-Egyptian talks on Palestinian autonomy.

"We are deeply shocked and saddened by these terrible acts," State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said.

In London, three Palestinian leaders expelled last month from the occupied West Bank said the three Arab mayors attacked there today by car bombers had been "exposed to murder."

"Jewish extremists have all the sympathy and support and protection of the Israeli government. There is no security now for Arabs," their main spokesman, Mr. Mohammad Milhem, mayor of Halhoul, told a London press conference.

Asked who was responsible for the attacks, he said: "It was planned -- most probably in the ministry of defence."

Mr. Milhem was speaking at the conference with Hebron Mayor Fahd Al Qawasmeh and the Muslim leader of Hebron, Sheikh Rajab Al Fakhri. All three had been deported four weeks ago following a Palestinian attack on Jewish settlers in Hebron on May 3 in which six Israelis died.

A British foreign office spokesman, questioned about the bomb attacks, told reporters: "This kind of deplorable incident hampers the search for peace in the area."

The two mayors visiting London were later today holding talks with foreign office officials.

In Cairo, Egypt described the car bomb attacks as deplorable.

A foreign ministry official said Egypt had asked Israel and the United States for a full account and was "following with deep concern these deplorable incidents."

He said Egypt would wait for full information before making its position known.



Bassam Shak'a



Karim Khalaf



Ibrahim Tawil

Jewish extremists blamed
Attacks on mayors spark violent West Bank demos

RAMALLAH, occupied West Bank, June 2 (Agencies) -- Saboteurs planted car-bombs today that seriously wounded two Palestinian mayors, narrowly missed a third and sparked violent anti-Israel demonstrations and protests in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip:

"The people feel anger, protest and confusion," a Palestinian journalist said. West Bankers met to plan further demonstrations, and in the occupied Gaza Strip the city council resigned to protest the unprecedented assassination attempts.

The bombings incapacitated Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a and Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf, two of the most vociferous West Bank radical spokesmen remaining since Israel deported two mayors after a Palestinian ambush in Hebron in which six Israeli settlers were killed a month ago.

The 48-year-old Mr. Shak'a, who was almost deported last year, lost both legs at the knees when his car blew up as he started to drive it to his office in Nablus. "He was blown outside the car without his legs," the mayor's 17-year-old son Nidal said.

The neighbourhood where Mr. Khalaf lives in Ramallah, was rocked by a powerful blast when he started his car.

Mr. Khalaf, 45, lost part of his left foot and also suffered other injuries, but friends and relatives who saw him in Ramallah hospital said he still was reciting Palestinian nationalist slogans: "Long live Palestine," and "continue the struggle."

The Nablus hospital sources said that when Mayor Shak'a opened his eyes following the operation he said: "They can cut off my legs but they cannot cut out my Palestinian nationalist heart."

In addition to the two bombings, seven Arabs were wounded when a grenade exploded in the main square in Hebron. And Mr. Ibrahim Tawil, mayor of Ramallah's twin city, Al Bireh, had a narrow escape from a boobytrap attached to the door of his garage.

An Israeli policeman, checking the garage, lost both eyes and suffered other injuries when the boobytrap went off.

Military authorities said the boobytraps were sophisticated devices, and the army was concerned at the carefully planned and coordinated attacks in four separate West Bank cities.

West Bankers, instinctively blaming extremists from Jewish settlements, demonstrated violently in Nablus and Ramallah. Two Palestinians were shot and wounded by Israeli troops quelling a rock-throwing riot in Ramallah, according to Israel's

West Bank military government.

In Nablus, demonstrators hurled stones at Israeli troops and a military source said one Israeli officer was badly wounded in the head. The Nablus town council called for a three-day commercial strike starting tomorrow. Troops also fired into the air and used tear gas to disperse the mob.

"We think this is a systematic elimination of local nationalist leaders," a Nablus city spokesman said.

After the bomb blast in Ramallah a crowd of about 100 Arab youths gathered outside the town hall shouting angry slogans.

Israeli forces opened fire and Reuters correspondent Arik Bachar saw one youth fall wounded in the stomach. An ambulance rushed the Arab away. Military sources said a second youth was also wounded.

The two youths wounded in Ramallah were Wajih Kashmah and Riad Abdul Fattah Anaya, both aged 20.

From their hospital beds they told Reuters an Israeli army detachment commanded by a major had opened fire after ordering them to leave the scene.

The deputy mayor of Ramallah, Mr. Audeh Rantissi, told reporters: "This is the lowest point the Israelis have reached. It is the wickedest thing that has happened to us in all the time of Israeli oppression."

The Israeli military commander in the West Bank, Brig. Benjamin Ben Eliezer, told reporters he had placed a guard on other Arab mayors in the area.

The mood of Palestinian protest spread to Gaza where Mayor Rashad Al Shawa told Reuters that he had resigned along with his entire town council. Mr. Shawa said: "We have resigned in protest at the bombings and because of the iron policy of the Israeli government."

"I am breaking off all contact with the Israeli military authorities and am staying at home, Mr. Begin can run the municipality."

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij said he will resign tomorrow in protest against the bomb attacks. "They were shameful actions and represent a serious deterioration in the area," Mayor Freij told reporters.

Promising "intensive investigation," Prime Minister Menachem Begin cautioned against blaming anyone "before we have facts and proof."

When he mentioned the bombings in a Knesset debate, communist legislators caused an uproar by shouting protests saying Mr. Begin's government gave a free hand to Jewish extremists.

Israeli moderates were quick to condemn the bombings. Former General Mordechai Peled, now a leader of the dovish Shelli Party, called on Israeli authorities "to strike at the Jewish underground which is attacking the population of the conquered territories."

In Tel Aviv, Shelli and the "Peace Now" movement called for an official crackdown on the well-stocked armories maintained by Jewish settlers in occupied territory.

A leading moderate in the opposition Labour Party, Mr. Yossi Sa'idi, told reporters: "These explosions have destroyed the illusion that we can live together with the Arabs and keep eternal control of the occupied territories."

"The West Bank military governor vowed to prevent disturbances in the West Bank, which has been under a 'hard hand' policy since the Hebron ambush.

Palestinians quickly accused Israeli extremists, who are typified by American-born Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defence League. The rabbi is in prison without official charges, held under an administrative detention regulation on suspicion of plotting revenge for the Hebron ambush of settlers.

"We should have expected these things with the tough measures only against the mayors while the settlers were free to move around," Al Bireh city engineer Munir Treish said. "The Kahane people made threats, and now I think they are carrying them out."

Rabbi Kahane's deputy, Mr. Yossi Dayan, said the attack could have been carried out either by "good Jews" or by Palestinian provocateurs. "I sympathise completely with this."

Even though Rabbi Kahane is in prison, Mr. Dayan commented, "it seems the underground goes on operating without him."

The bombings came a month to the day after the Hebron ambush. The words: "To God, the lord of revenge" appeared in a memorial notice to one of the dead settlers published today.

Mr. Shak'a had long been criticised by the Israelis because of his pro-Palestinian pronouncements in public. Last November the Israeli occupation authorities tried to deport him but gave up following an international outcry.

Mr. Khalaf and Mr. Tawil were last year prosecuted for allegedly striking a policeman in a courtroom brawl.

Arab spokesmen urge sanctions against Israel, warn U.S. not to veto Mideast peace initiatives

UNITED NATIONS, June 2 (R) -- Arab spokesmen today called for sanctions against Israel and warned the United States of severe repercussions if it vetoed new Middle East peace initiatives in the Security Council.

The council is expected to be called into session shortly to discuss the situation in Israeli-occupied Arab territories.

Mr. Clovis Maksoud, U.N. representative of the Arab League, said whether the Arab oil producers decided to revive the 1973 oil embargo would depend on "the level of provocation."

Mr. Zuhdi Terzi, delegate of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), said a move might be made to reject Israel from the General Assembly, as was done with South Africa in 1974. "The U.N. cannot permit criminals and racists to be in its midst," Mr. Terzi told reporters.

The Arab representatives spoke at a press conference called in response to President Carter's threat to veto any West European peace initiative for the Middle East. President Carter claimed any new peace initiative would damage the 1978 Camp David accords.

Mr. Maksoud linked recent American pronouncements concerning the Middle East to the current presidential election campaign and accused the U.S. of allowing politics to replace policy.

He said that, as a result, the Middle East situation was becoming increasingly dangerous.

Mr. Terzi said the incidents in the West Bank area today, in which two Palestinian mayors were severely injured in bomb blasts, were supported by the Israeli authorities, who had the "full support and financing by the federal government of the U.S."

He said the Palestinians held the U.S. administration equally responsible with the Israelis "for the crimes committed this morning."

Mr. Maksoud said President Carter was trying to pre-empt initiatives by the international

community to bring about a just Middle East settlement.

The Arab League spokesman said that while he did not know what form these initiatives might take, he could say categorically that Camp David had turned out a total failure.

Mr. Terzi said Israel had become increasingly militant in its policies as a result of encouragement from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Mr. Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, "the unholy trio in the Camp David accords."

The PLO delegate said consultations had begun with a view to calling for a meeting of the Security Council to consider today's West Bank incidents, and there

would be a separate debate in the council on the Israeli move to consolidate its control of all Jerusalem, regarded by Israel as its capital.

Among the proposals that would be made was the invoking of mandatory sanctions against Israel, he said. If this were blocked by veto, the General Assembly could take up the matter at a special session.

The assembly cannot, however, apply mandatory measures. "Maybe the fate of Israel at the U.N. will not be any different from the fate of South Africa," the PLO delegate said, alluding to the assembly's ouster of the South African delegation, as a protest against the republic's race policy.

After five years of conflict

Sarkis begins consultations on accord to restore peace

BEIRUT, June 2 (Agencies) -- Lebanese President Elias Sarkis today began a new round of consultations with political leaders on a national accord to restore peace after more than five years of armed clashes and instability.

A first round of discussions was held shortly before President Sarkis outlined in a public address the accord's general principles which affirm, among other things, that Lebanon is an active member of the Arab League.

The president called for the smooth implementation of agreements concluded between Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and said Lebanon adhered to its special relationship with neighbouring Syria.

He also stressed Lebanon's unity and territorial integrity and its categorical rejection of any mini-states within its internationally-recognised borders.

President Sarkis also expressed support for the Palestine cause and rejection of "all forms of cooperation with the Israeli enemy."

Although the principles were announced in March and were met with approval by political groups, they have not been implemented.

Informed sources said this was due to differences over certain details which some leaders wanted to be dealt with before actual

implementation of the national accord.

Differences have been reported even among government leaders, including divergent views over reorganising the army which almost disintegrated during the 1975-76 civil war.

Political sources said the president's eventual aim is to have a new cabinet grouping the various conflicting sides and shouldering the burden of rebuilding the country.

About 150 people were killed in acts of violence in Lebanon last month, the highest figure this year, according to reliable sources.

They said the toll was 144, compared with 100 in April and 130 in February.

The death toll in May included about 35 people killed in clashes in southern Beirut and in southern Lebanon between rival armed groups.

In addition, 23 people were killed in the south last month in clashes involving Palestinian commandos and Israelis.

There were also about 50 explosions, compared with 60 in April. Lebanon and developments in the area were discussed yesterday at a meeting in Damascus between Syrian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and delegations representing the Lebanese Amal movement and the Nationalist

Socialist Party, official sources said.

The Amal movement has been involved in bloody clashes in Beirut over the past three days.

Meanwhile, an armoured Lebanese force penetrated southern Lebanon today in what a United Nations spokesman said was a search for Palestinian commandos.

Spokesman Samir Sanbar said the intruding force, estimated at 100 rolled across the border into an area controlled by the Dutch battalion of U.N. peacekeeping forces in southern Lebanon at 0750 local time (0550 GMT).

They pulled out "in a southerly direction" at 1315 local time (1150 GMT) and Dutch troops were deployed to block a repetition of the Israeli incursion, Mr. Sanbar said.

Meanwhile, an Irish UNIFIL sergeant was killed and nine Irish soldiers were injured when their armoured personnel carrier overturned in an area a few kilometres east of the spot where the Israelis moved in, Mr. Sanbar reported.

He withheld the name of the dead sergeant pending notification of his next of kin.

Mr. Sanbar said the death brought the total UNIFIL fatalities to 42 since the 6,000-strong force was dispatched to southern Lebanon in 1978 to serve as a buffer between commandos and the Israeli forces.

Regional Briefs

KARA, June 2 (R) -- Six Iraqi helicopters machine-gunned a group of 18 Turkish peasants who had crossed into Iraq, killing 10 and wounding three, the state radio reported today. The radio said peasants escaped back to Turkey unharmful and three children with the group were later allowed back by Iraqi authorities. State-controlled radio said the Turkish-Iraqi border had been closed after news of the incident near the Iraqi village of Depekler today morning. The governor of Turkey's Hakkari province, Ch. borders both Iraq and Iran, was holding talks with Iraqi officials at the border today, the radio said. It reported that Turkish peasants had wandered across the border to cut grass. Turkish cabinet released a statement after an emergency session last night which gave the figure as 12 Turks dead but made no mention of Iraqi helicopters and did not specify on which side the border killings took place. Today's state radio broadcast seemed to give the latest information known to the Turkish authorities. There was widespread speculation here that the incident may have involved Kurdish guerrillas or been linked to the recent Iraqi-Iranian border clashes.

DAMASCUS, June 2 (R) -- Syria's defence minister, Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlass last night discussed cooperation in the field of electronics with the Soviet army, the official Syrian Arab News Agency reported. It said that Gen. Tlass held his discussions with a visiting Soviet military delegation led by Gen. Makarenko of the electronic warfare department. The delegation arrived in Damascus on Saturday, the agency added.

AGHDAD, June 2 (R) -- The Arab telecommunications Union began a two-week conference here today attended by delegates from 12 countries. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the meeting would discuss among other things improving the telecommunications system and the introduction of an international telecommunication service in Arabic. Observers from the International Telecommunications Union, as well as the broadcasting and postal, telegraph and telephone unions are attending the conference.

MADRID, June 2 (AP) -- Spanish socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez flew to Baghdad today for a four-day official visit to Iraq as guest of the Iraqi president. During his stay there Mr. Gonzalez will have talks with Iraqi President and several ministers to discuss the international political situation.

ISTANBUL, June 2 (AP) -- A medium-intensity earthquake took two eastern provinces in Turkey early today, causing injuries but cracking walls in residential areas, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported. In a dispatch from Erzurum, 800 kilometres east of the capital of Ankara, Anatolia said the tremor was also felt in the adjoining Agri province near the Soviet border. The quake struck at 1.45 a.m. (1045 GMT) and caused cracks in walls of buildings in the provincial centre, the agency reported.

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Okita meets King after Jordan visit

LONDON, June 2 (JNA)—His Majesty King Hussein met at his residence in London today with the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Saburo Okita. They reviewed Middle East developments and Mr. Okita expressed his government's concern for the achievement of a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Okita left Amman yesterday at the end of a two-day visit to Jordan. A joint statement issued just before his departure reiterated Japan's position in favour of Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem and con-

demned Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories. It also called for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and an early peaceful resolution of the problem of U.S. hostages in Iran.

The statement said that Mr. Okita and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Oqasem agreed that an early realisation of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East is essential and vital to world peace. Minister Okita reaffirmed the position of the Japanese government that it is necessary to implement, as soon as possible, the Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The two

ministers agreed on the following basic principles for a just and lasting solution:

—The complete withdrawal of Israel from all the Arab territories including the Arab section of Jerusalem occupied since 1967.

—Recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people including their right to self-determination.

—The participation of all parties concerned including the PLO in efforts to achieve such a just and comprehensive solution.

The statement added: "Minister Okita reiterated Japan's view that the establishments by Israel in the occupied Arab territories is illegal and cannot be recognised. The two ministers exchanged views on the role Japan may be able to perform in contribution to peace in the Middle East."

"The two ministers stressed the need for the immediate withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Afghanistan. They also expressed their wish for an early peaceful resolution of the hostage problem in Iran."

"Foreign Minister Okita expressed his high regard for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which, under the distinguished leadership of His Majesty, is making remarkable progress in nation building and greatly contributing to the stability and development of the Middle East. He also expressed Japan's willingness to coop-

erate in the development efforts of Jordan and other countries in the Middle East through economic and technical cooperation and to contribute to peace and stability in the region."

"The two ministers noted with satisfaction that the friendly relations between the two countries have been developing very smoothly in recent years and agreed completely upon the necessity for the further promotion of exchanges in such fields as politics, economic and technical cooperation and culture."

During his visit to Jordan Mr. Okita met with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, who is also minister of foreign affairs and defence, as well as Mr. Qasem.

Mr. Qasem, who was on hand to see the Japanese foreign minister off at Amman airport, stressed the role that Japan can play in enhancing peace efforts in the Middle East.

He added that "by continuing these meetings an identical and similar stand will inevitably crystallise which serves the just peace which we and the whole world in dire need of at this particular time."

Mr. Okita invited Mr. Qasem, to pay a visit to Japan. Mr. Qasem accepted the invitation. The date of the visit will be arranged through diplomatic channels.

Arab ILO group

GENEVA, June 2 (JT)—The Arab group at the U.N. International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva held a meeting today to prepare for the ILO conference to open there on Wednesday. The Arab representatives, who are coordinating their positions at the conference, put the finishing touches on a draft resolution to be submitted by the Jordanian representative on behalf of the Arab states.

The draft resolution calls for:

1. Condemning Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories;
2. Requesting the Israeli authorities to halt the establishment of such settlements and to remove others built in the occupied Arab territories includ-

ing Jerusalem.

3. Requesting the Arab Labour Office to: a. offer assistance to the occupied Arab workers, enabling them to take necessary steps to unionise into force;

4. Requesting the Arab Labour Office to submit a report on what has been a respect and Israel the ILO resolution

The real villains

IT DOESN'T matter on whom the blame is put for yesterday's bomb outrages in the occupied West Bank, nor even which parties may eventually be found guilty of these crimes.

There is no question where the responsibility ultimately lies for the climate of repression and violence and intimidation which has prevailed in the occupied territories in recent weeks.

That responsibility must be laid directly at the door of those who have callously and wilfully set out to frustrate the aspirations of the Palestinian people to realise their right to achieve their national identity and to live peacefully in their own homeland. The real villains of this piece are the Camp David partners—Israel, Egypt and the United States of America.

As the occupying power, of course, Israel cannot escape the immediate responsibility of pursuing the offensive and oppressive practices in the West Bank and Gaza which have brought us to this present tragic juncture. By turning a blind eye to the criminal depredations of fanatical groups such as Gush Emunim and Kahane's Kahane's, the Begin regime must assume complicity with the rising crescendo of vicious and brutal attacks which those outlaws have been perpetrating against the peaceable civilian population of the West Bank. Neither by jailing Kahane himself nor by holding those extremist groups culpable for this latest outrage can the Israelis—with Begin himself now serving as defence minister with direct responsibility for administering the occupied territories—escape the full and horrible onus for the specific crimes of attempted murder that have now been added to their historic practice of directing official terrorism against Arab peoples.

We will inevitably be treated to American expressions of "regret" at this latest incident in the "tragic cycle of violence" in the Middle East. But we must hold the Carter administration more responsible than any other party (even more than the Israelis, who are behaving in a manner to which we have become accustomed) for encouraging and abetting that woeful spiral of violence, right up to this latest monstrous twist.

It is no coincidence that the scale of Israeli oppression and intimidation of the Palestinians has reached new heights with the collapse of the Camp David-mandated negotiations on Palestinian "autonomy." Having failed to complete the subjugation of the Palestinian people through that diplomatic charade, the Israelis have clearly opted for closing the circle through blatant physical aggression—from the expansion and hastening of the settlement programme, to the authorisation of vigilante tactics by armed Jewish extremists, to the expulsion—and now the attempted liquidation—of the most popular and powerful symbols of Palestinian nationalism still left in the occupied territories. These things the Israelis have proceeded to do without demur from the Americans whose arms and aid and moral support make such policies and practices possible in the first place.

America and Israel shall reap what they sow in this obscene affair. Their responsibility to the families and friends and compatriots of the victims of yesterday's outrages in Nablus and Ramallah and Al Bireh and Hebron is direct and immediate and inescapable. But their ultimate accountability—almost certainly at their own expense—will be to history itself.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: Israel's suggestion that its border with Lebanon be altered reveals the inability of the Arabs not only to deal with the Lebanese situation, but also to come to any understanding of the true dimensions of this tragedy.

This simply means that the Zionist entity wants this time to expand not through aggression and direct occupation of land belonging to an independent and sovereign state, but as a property owner who demands, his alleged right through negotiations and dialogue. The enemy is confident that South Lebanon is a titbit it can swallow at any time. But the use of force to obtain this morsel would arouse international feelings against it—which it can do without.

In other words, the enemy has realised that South Lebanon is up for grabs, enjoying no military or political protection from the Arab Nation. Why should Israel entangle itself in a military operation to occupy land which is already under its *de facto* control, and why should it sacrifice what remains of its international support to consolidate this occupation, without much benefit?

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibition

The British Council presents an exhibition entitled "British Architecture for Arts and Leisure", with photographs and plans and seventeen contemporary examples.

Lecture

A lecture by Dr. Hisham Abu Qamra entitled "The Intellectual Roots of Contemporary Tunisian Poets" will mark the last day of Tunisian Cultural Week. Five p.m. at the Department of Culture and Arts Theatre.

Film

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Local News Briefs

June 2 (JNA) — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan the King visited the Public Security Directorate today and met Director General, Maj Gen. Mamoun Khalil. The Crown Prince briefed on the activities of the different departments of the Directorate and later made a tour of some of them. Prince Hassan is expected to promote the work of the Traffic Department.

June 2 (JNA) — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the King, sent a cable of good wishes to Italy's president Alessandro Napolitano on his country's National Day.

June 2 (JNA) — The eldest son of His Majesty King Hussein, Prince Abdullah, graduated yesterday from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. The Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, Lt Gen Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, deputy King at the graduation ceremony, which was also attended by the military attaché at the Jordanian embassy in Washington and a number of Prince Abdullah's friends.

June 2 (JT) — Jordan's permanent ambassador to the United States, Dr. Hazem Nuseibeh, arrived in Amman yesterday morning with the government on a number of issues. During his stay, he is expected to last several days. Dr. Nuseibeh will meet a number of senior government officials.

June 2 (JNA) — Non-Jordanians working in the country are now being asked to pay a fine of JD 50. However, non-Jordanians living in the country have been granted two months to get their permits from the authorities. Non-Arabs who wish to work in Jordan should obtain permits from the Ministry of the Interior before arriving in the country, and employers will have to submit guarantees, the announcement made by a spokesman for the Interior Ministry, the new regulations have been circulated to Jordanian embassies abroad so that non-Arab nationals with no such prior work permits will not be granted visas to come to Jordan to work.

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AMMAN, June 2 (JNA) — The cabinet yesterday appointed Jordan's former ambassador in Washington, Mr. Abdullah Salah, ambassador plenipotentiary to Austria. The cabinet also decided at its regular meeting yesterday to lift a ban on trade with Zimbabwe.

AMMAN, June 2 (JNA) — Nearly 31,000 secondary school students sat for the first session of the General Secondary Certificate Examinations *tawjihi* today. Examinations are being taken in 346 halls around the country chosen by the Ministry of Education, which supervises the examination process. A ministry spokesman said some 3,000 teachers have been appointed to invigilate, and nearly 1,800 of them will mark the students' papers beginning June 11 at two centres in Amman and Irbid. The current set of examinations to last eight days, constitute the second stage of the *tawjihi*. The first was held in January.

Gala show to benefit ACOR

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 2 — "An Evening of International Entertainment", a benefit performance to raise money for the American Centre of Oriental Research's building fund, will be presented at the Haya Arts Centre on June 3 and 4 at 8 p.m.

The show, which is sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism, will feature performances of classical and popular music, revue sketches, dances and readings.

On the programme are a play reading by Adnan and Jill Sindall and Charles Hart; show tunes sung by Pat Pengilly and David Sherry; poem and prose readings by David Wadham; classical piano

music performed by Huda Sha'ban; a second piano performance by Patricia Velities and Frances Hart; choral music performed by the Amman International church choir under the direction of Sharon Bryant; a classical trio performed by Gottfried Seeber, John Chapman and Linda Schweinfurth; Garber Davidson playing a Beethoven piano sonata; a classical Japanese dance performed by Mrs. Kimiko Okada; and Renaissance songs sung by Lexie Haddadin, Edith Bilbeisi, Samia Ghanoum and Nuhad 'Eid.

Tickets cost JD 2, and are available at the Marhaba Shop in the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel or at the Haya Arts Centre on the evenings of the shows.



Mr. David Wadham will read two selections from Australian literature at the ACOR benefit Tuesday and Wednesday. (Photo by Marianne Pearson)

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Recommendations on education issued

AMMAN, June 2 (JT) — A call for the abolition of the division of secondary schooling into scientific and literary streams was made during meeting presided over by the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, yesterday.

The meeting was the concluding session of the Conference on Education in a Developing Jordan Society held during mid-May. A special committee was formed at that time to issue recommendations. Sharif Abdul Hamid said that the recommendations issued yesterday were within the framework of the conference's opening speech, made by His Majesty King Hussein.

The conference called for replacing the system of literary

and scientific streams at the secondary level with a broad curriculum of studies that would include both scientific and literary studies which would be supplemented by elective courses.

Another recommendation called for limiting the number of students at academic secondary schools in accordance with criteria to be adopted by the Ministry of Education. More students in this age level should be encouraged to attend vocational training insti-

tutes, which should be increased in scope and number.

The conference recommended that textbooks be reviewed and revised every few years and suggested that texts on social sciences be introduced into the curricula. It added that due consideration should be given to extracurricular activities, which should constitute an integral part of the school programme.

Stating that the educational

process is a dynamic one requiring reconsideration from time to time, the conference invited universities and other educational institutions to participate in the reorganisation of the educational system and its future updating.

It was decided at the concluding session that the conference should be regarded as a permanent institution that will hold annual meetings to consider further improvements to the educational system in Jordan.

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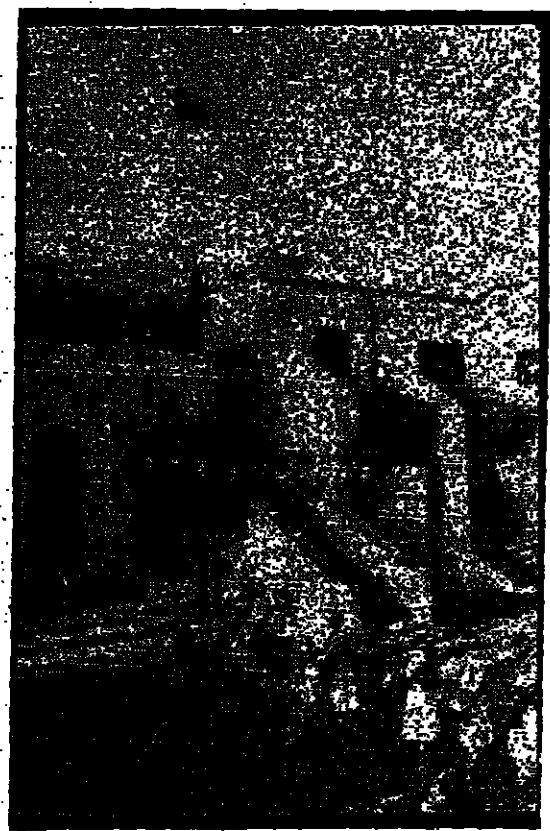
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Saudi-Kuwaiti projects worth \$745m discussed

KUWAIT, June 2 (R) -- A joint Saudi Arabian-Kuwaiti committee for industrial coordination has discussed 20 projects worth 2.5 billion Saudi riyals (about \$745 million), a Kuwaiti newspaper reported today.

The newspaper Al Siyasa, quoted Saudi Industry Minister Ghazi Abdul Rahman Al Qusaiby, as saying that the committee also discussed steps

to implement a tyre manufacturing project, A sheet glass factory and another for manufacturing electric bulbs were identified among the projects studied by the committee.

The committee, which ended a one-day meeting yesterday, also agreed on Saudi-Kuwaiti coordination in petrochemical projects, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	2040	5.850	5.650	5.750
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	1153	1.520	1.510	1.510
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 2,000	1000	1.370	1.370	1.370
Arabian Seas Insurance Co. Ltd.	JD 5,000	600	11.600	11.600	11.600
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	200	1.520	1.520	1.520
Bank Of Jordan	JD 5,000	200	13.000	13.000	13.000
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	13957	1.940	1.860	1.870
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	11754	1.530	1.520	1.530
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	100	17.470	17.470	17.470
Arab Bank Co.	JD 10,000	5	110.250	110.250	110.250
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5,000	160	14.000	13.750	14.000
Arab Company for Paper Manufacture and Trade	JD 1,000	100	1.040	1.040	1.040
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	50	3.880	3.880	3.880
Dar Al Sha'ab	JD 1,000	1800	0.960	0.950	0.950
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	30	10.590	10.590	10.590
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	2518	3.250	3.250	3.250
Jordan General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	150	1.490	1.430	1.430
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	6650	1.260	1.250	1.260
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	3411	1.990	1.990	1.990
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	4650	1.020	1.020	1.020
Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan)	JD 10,000	10	11.400	11.400	11.400
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	276	19.600	19.500	19.600
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	100	0.800	0.800	0.800
Jordan Phosphate mines Co.	JD 1,000	300	3.350	3.350	3.350
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	1500	9.950	9.900	9.900
National Steel Industry	JD 10,000	1145	21.000	20.670	20.670

Total Volume Traded on Monday, June 2, 1980: JD 143,504

Total number of shares traded: 54,354

Economic News Briefs

Apicorp profits hit \$30m

BAHRAIN, June 2 (R) -- The Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation (Apicorp), jointly owned by nine Arab states, made a profit of 100 million Saudi riyals (\$30 million) last year, Chief Executive Nureddin Farraj said today.

Dr. Farraj told the official Saudi News Agency that 61.5 million riyals (\$18 million) of the profits would be distributed among the shareholding states, which are the nine members of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The agency said the profits declared last week at board meeting in the Apicorp headquarters in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia, were 65 per cent higher than last year's.

The board meeting also decided to finance a lubricating oil factory and a detergents plant and to lend the state-owned Abu Dhabi Gas Liquefaction Company in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) \$150 million for a gas gathering scheme, board member Mr. Ahmad Mirza told the official Emirates News Agency.

The Qatar News Agency quoted officials in the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company as saying the lubricating oil factory would be in the UAE and the detergents plant either in Syria or Iraq.

The nine members of OPEC are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, the Libyan Jamahiriya, Algeria, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Syria and Bahrain. Egypt was a member but was suspended after signing a peace treaty with Israel.

E. Germany restricts petrol

EAST BERLIN, June 2 (R) -- East Germany yesterday banned East European visitors from buying petrol for cash in a move apparently aimed at stemming a daily influx of Polish and Czechoslovak motorists who cross the border to tank up on cheap fuel.

Filling station attendants in East Berlin said that car drivers from all Soviet bloc states except the Soviet Union had to buy their petrol with special coupons bought in their own country. They said the cost of the coupons was fixed at the same level as the price of petrol in each country.

Over the past year fuel prices have rocketed in most East European countries and are now on average almost double the East German price of 1.65 marks (92 cents) a litre of super.

Up until 1978 East Germany's petrol price, stable now for more than two decades, was the highest in the Soviet bloc, but in the past few months thousands of motorists, chiefly from Poland, have streamed across the border to fill their cars.

Informed sources said the influx had seriously strained East Germany's already limited fuel reserves and caused widespread shortages in border areas.

WFC urges wheat reserves

MANILA, June 2 (R) -- The World Food Council (WFC) will press for the early establishment of sizeable wheat reserves as an essential element of an international wheat agreement, WFC President Arturo Tanco said here.

Mr. Tanco, who is Philippine agriculture minister, told the Philippine news agency before leaving for the sixth WFC ministerial council meeting opening tomorrow in Arusha, Tanzania, that the WFC may support International Wheat Council efforts towards such an agreement. The council would also consider a "food crisis pledge" to try to minimise panic behaviour on world markets in times of short supply.

A food entitlement scheme would seek to reverse growing mass hunger and over-dependency by the third world on food imports, and at the same time increase production, Mr. Tanco said.

LONDON EXCHANGE

LONDON, June 2 (R) -- Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar, trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion market.

One sterling	2.3370/80	U.S.-dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.1584/87	Canadian
	1.7810/20	West Ger
	1.9575/80	Dutch fr
	1.6570/85	Swiss fr
	28.46/49	Belgian f
	4.1390/1415	French f
	834.50/835.25	Italian L
	223.30/50	Japanese
	4.1810/30	Swedish
	4.8570/80	Norwegi
	5.5305/20	Danish C
One ounce of gold	556.00/559.00	U.S.-dollar

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, June 2 (R) -- The new account opened both equities and government bonds drifting through the market, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was down 2. The government bond sector was still depressed by announcement of the new exchange rate 13 1/2 per cent stock on Friday. Falls of as much as 1/2 point were seen and short dates, but dealers noted little selling pressure equities fell as much as 7p though Australian issues, shares firmed against the trend.

U.S. and Canadian issues were narrowly mixed. Oils saw active trading after weekend press comm Lasmo 35p higher; and BP, Shell, Tricentrol, B Ultramar between 8p and 18p up.

Thorn lost 7p following news a subsidiary was to a Alfred Herbert assets, while Dunlop held steady at chairman reported increased first four months trade. Boots, Beecham and Courtauld eased between ex-dividend while GEC, Lucas and Recal shed as n

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Ideal day to contact good friends and gain their ideas for advancing in career activities. Think constructively.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Good day to get in touch with higher-ups for the backing you need for improving career. Attend worthwhile social affair.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) The planets are favorable for any changes you want to make that can improve your position in life. Making new contacts is wise.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be sure to handle important duties early in the day for best results. Handle correspondence wisely.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Try to have more rapport with allies who are up-and-coming and concerned with whatever is progressive. Be wise.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Use a more modern system in order to make the progress you want in career. Coordinate efforts with co-worker.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make long-range plans to have greater abundance in the days ahead. Take time to improve your health and appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Come to a better accord with family members so there is more harmony in the future. Safeguard your reputation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Handling a most difficult problem wisely gains the respect of allies. Use extreme caution in travel today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) It's important you concentrate on financial affairs and build up your assets today. Sidestep an opponent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Seek company of friends who are pleasant to be with instead of those who are always complaining. Think logically.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make definite plans to attain your finest personal aims, and then follow through in positive manner. Strive for happiness.

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya qualify for African cup

YAOUNDE, Cameroon, June 2 (R) — Ghana's Sekondi Wise soccer team qualified for the African Cup Winners Cup quarter finals on aggregate when they drew 1-1 against Cameroon's Dynamo club in Douala yesterday. In the first round played in Ghana two weeks ago, the Ghanaians beat Dynamo 2-1.

Also, Nigeria's Shooting Stars of Ibadan qualified for the cup quarter-finals after a 1-1 draw with Tanzania's Pan-African club in their second leg match in Ibadan yesterday, Lagos Radio reported today.

The Shooting Stars won 2-1 on aggregate following a 1-0 victory in the first match in Arusha two weeks ago.

In Nairobi, Kenyan soccer club Ramogi yesterday also qualified when they drew 0-0 with Madama of Lesotho at Mombasa, on the Indian Ocean coast.

The two teams drew 1-1 in the first leg of the second round match in Maseru two weeks ago, but Ramogi won on the rule that away goals count double in the event of a tie on aggregate.

Madama went all out for goals yesterday, but their forwards were hasty and inaccurate in front of goal. They were unlucky not to score in the dying minutes.

Baseball Standings

National League

	L	Pct.	GB
EAST			
Pittsburgh	26	.18	.591
Philadelphia	23	.19	.548
Montreal	22	.19	.537
Chicago	20	.21	.488
New York	19	.24	.442
St. Louis	16	.29	.356

	L	Pct.	GB
WEST			
Los Angeles	28	.19	.596
Cincinnati	27	.20	.574
Houston	25	.20	.556
San Diego	23	.25	.479
San Francisco	20	.27	.426
Atlanta	18	.26	.409

American League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
EAST				
New York	29	16	.644	—
Milwaukee	24	20	.545	4½
Toronto	22	22	.500	6½
Baltimore	22	24	.478	7½
Boston	22	24	.478	7½
Cleveland	21	24	.467	8
Detroit	19	25	.432	9½

	W	L	Pct.	GB
WEST				
Kansas City	27	19	.587	—
Oakland	25	22	.532	2½
Chicago	25	23	.521	3
Seattle	24	24	.500	4
Texas	23	23	.500	4
California	19	25	.432	7
Minnesota	18	29	.383	9½

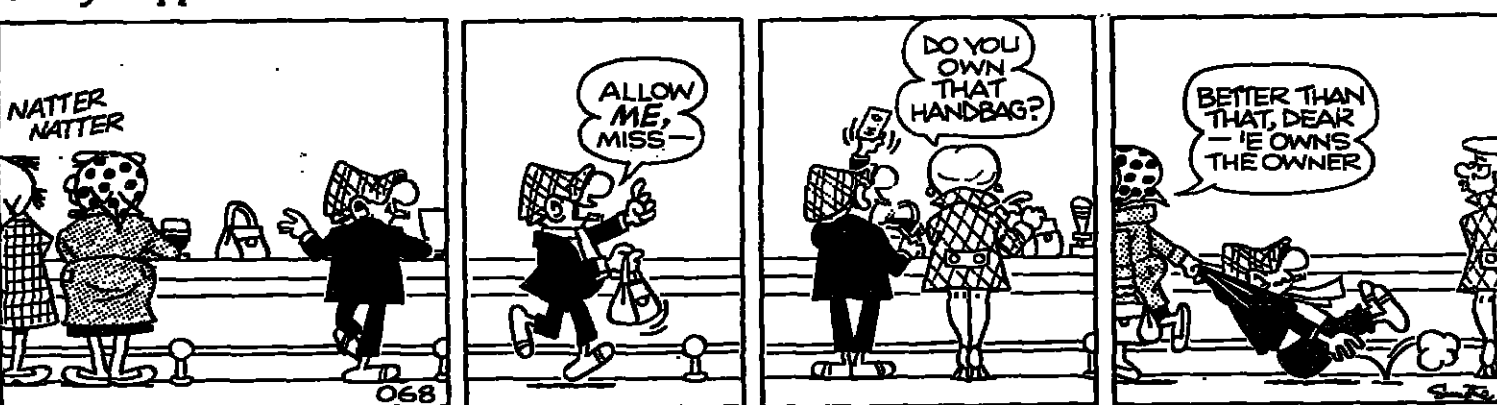
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New York 11, Toronto 7
Seattle 8, Cleveland 7
Chicago 6, Kansas City 1
Baltimore at Minnesota, ppd., rain
Texas 7, Oakland 3

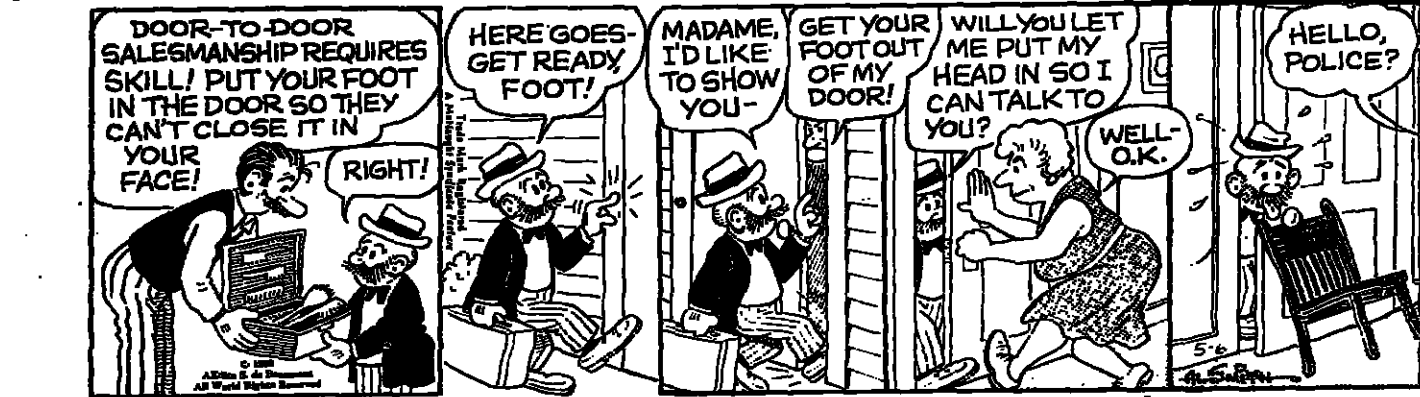
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ANC takes credit for explosions at secret S. Africa fuel plants

LONDON, June 2 (R) — The African National Congress (ANC) today claimed responsibility for explosions at secret oil-from-coal plants in South Africa.

Mr. Francis Meli, ANC spokesman in London, said: "The ANC was involved in these explosions. It is part and parcel of the general offensive of our movement."

He said a full statement was being prepared at the ANC's headquarters in Lusaka. The ANC, an organisation banned in South Africa, has pledged to overthrow the government there by force.

Armed saboteurs blew up fuel tanks at a plant in Sasolburg. Explosions at the major Sasol plant sent flames hundreds of metres into the air and a huge pall of smoke blotted out the sun.

Raiders also set fire to another refinery nearby and simultaneously attacked a second fuel plant at Secunda.

Colonel Leon Mellett, chief police spokesman, said a security guard was wounded in the attack on the Sasol plant. As many as 12 raiders could have been involved but only one was actually seen, he said.

U.N. Council for Namibia urges S. Africa sanctions

ALGIERS, June 2 (R) — A five-day special conference of the United Nations Council for Namibia ended last night in Algiers with a call for economic sanctions against South Africa.

The 31-nation council, Namibia's theoretical government since the U.N. General Assembly ended South Africa's mandate on the territory in 1966, requested the Security Council to "convene urgently to impose comprehensive and mandatory sanctions" on the Pretoria government.

The council called on the international community to intensify efforts for the complete and effective isolation of South Africa. It urged all countries to refuse to recognise any internal settlement and reaffirmed that free and fair elections under U.N. supervision and control were a condition of any peaceful settlement in the South Africa-administered territory.

The council asked the Security Council to declare categorically that the port enclave of Walvis Bay was an integral part of the former German colony and that the issue should not be left for negotiation between an independent Namibia and South Africa.

It decided to hold hearings on what it called the illegal exploitation of Namibian uranium by South Africa and other foreign economic interests. The hearings will begin in New York on July 7, informed sources said.

The council condemned illegal exploitation of Namibia's marine resources — a move believed to be aimed at Soviet fishing fleets which informed sources said were active off the Namibian coast.

It reaffirmed its support for the South West African Peoples' Organisation (SWAPO) as the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people and commended the intensification of the guerrilla war against South African rule under the leadership of Mr. Sam Nujoma.

Conference sources said Western members of the council expressed reservations at this and at the possibility of sanctions, which they felt could provide South Africa with an excuse to reject the U.N. plan for Namibia's independence.

The sources said that Botswana, although a "front-line" state, also expressed reservations at the call for sanctions because of its economic dependence on South Africa.

Greek, Turkish military manoeuvres threaten to worsen strained relations

ATHENS, June 2 (R) — Greece and Turkey, hostile neighbours in an arms race, each hold military exercises in disputed areas of the Aegean Sea this month raising fears of a further deterioration in relations.

The two countries are nominally allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) but relations are strained over Cyprus and territorial rights in the Aegean. They have embarked on an arms race, with each spending about one quarter of its state budget on defence.

Now they are preparing to hold separate naval and air manoeuvres, apparently at the same time. Military sources said Turkey would begin its exercises in the first two weeks of June.

The Greek fleet and air force also will hold manoeuvres in the first half of June. The Greek ministry of defence has said its exercises would continue throughout the summer as part of a training programme intended to improve inter-service cooperation.

Athens has been officially notified of the Turkish exercises, but an authoritative source said yesterday Greece was not prepared to tolerate any violation of its ten-mile air space and sea limits.

Ankara has repeatedly rejected Greek demands for Turkish exercises ten miles from Greek territory. It said Turkish forces would observe a six-mile limit.

Greece withdrew from NATO's military structure in the summer of 1974 after Turkey sent troops to northern Cyprus.

Greece is now seeking a return under a special relationship which would enable it to have the armed forces under national command, except in a major East-West conflict when they would revert to NATO command.

Greece maintains that its return should be based on a 1978 agreement by a former NATO commander, General Alexander Haig, and the then commander of Greek

armed forces, General Davos. That agreement was accepted by Greece but later modified by General Haig to meet Turkish demands. The revised plan and subsequent plans prepared by the present NATO commander, General Bernard Rogers, have been rejected by Greece on the grounds that they gave Turkey increased control over Aegean air space and waters.

Greece's efforts to return to NATO's military wing are being blocked by Turkey, which wants to see the problem of control in the Aegean settled first.

According to usually reliable sources here, the original Haig-Davos plan recommended that problems related to operation control in the Aegean should not be inter-connected until after Greece's re-entry.

An authoritative source said General Rogers might soon submit new proposals to the Greek and Turkish governments.

The influential pro-government daily *Kathimerini* said yesterday that all probability the new proposals by General Rogers would be similar to his previous plan already rejected by the Greek government.

The newspaper said that the only solution for Greece was to follow the French pattern of relations with NATO. "This provides that the links with the alliance are restricted to the political structure of NATO and military cooperation will be extended only at our government's choice."

In the meantime, 150 Soviet SS-20s are already in place. One more comes out each week and the Soviet Union will soon have four warheads instead of three on these multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles (MIRVs), according to NATO intelligence sources.

At the same time as it decided to deploy 108 Pershing-II missiles in West Germany and 464 Cruise missiles in five West European countries, NATO offered immediate negotiations with Moscow to limit the number of land-based, medium-range nuclear missiles on both sides.

It also announced the unilateral withdrawal of 1,000 U.S. nuclear warheads from Europe. The withdrawal is now taking place.

The Soviet reaction has been negative. A summit meeting of the communist Warsaw Pact in the Polish capital last month laid down as a condition for the negotiations that NATO rescind "or at least suspend the realisation" of its decision to deploy Pershing missiles and Cruise mis-

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"We cannot say there is no danger," the spokesman said. "But the danger is not large as long as we can contain the fires."

Meanwhile in Cape Town today, coloured (mixed race) demonstrators stoned white-owned buses at the start of a boycott of bus services in a protest against increased fares.

Glass was shattered at the bus terminus in the coloured suburb of Elsies River where last week two students were shot and killed by police during stone-throwing incidents.

The boycott, which is endorsed by more than 40 coloured community organisations, is part of smouldering unrest in the coloured community spearheaded by students who have been protesting for more than six weeks over racial inequality in education.

Campaigning begins for Japan's general election

TOKYO, June 2 (R) — Campaigning for the June 22 general election officially started today with caretaker prime minister Masayoshi Ohira in a hospital bed with heart trouble.

The 70-year-old prime minister dissolved the 511-seat lower house two weeks ago after the Chamber, the main legislative body in Japan's bicameral parliament, unexpectedly passed an opposition-backed no confidence motion in his government.

The motion was accepted after a revolt by 69 members of Mr. Ohira's own Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) who refused to vote against the motion.

As campaigning started, Mr. Ohira, who was taken to hospital on Saturday, was said by doctors to have a mild heart disease prompted by exhaustion.

Cuban refugees riot at U.S. army base

FORT CHAFFEE, Arkansas, June 2 (R) — Thousands of Cuban refugees angry about delays in their resettlement went on the rampage through an army base and set fire to four buildings before the riot was put down.

Troops and police fired guns and teargas and fought with clubs to quell the riot last night in which up to 3,000 refugees were involved.

The reserve army base, scarred by two fire-blackened mess halls, a barracks and another building, was quiet today. Three refugees were taken to hospital with gunshot wounds and one with a stab wound. About 15 policemen and civilian workers were also injured.

Rioters hurled stones and bottles in a 15-minute battle near the main gate of the camp, which houses 19,000 refugees awaiting resettlement after fleeing to Florida from Cuba. Some shots were fired.

Refugees ignored appeals for calm from the base commander, Brigadier-General James Drummond. About 300 scaled a small stone wall and marched on a nearby town but were rounded up and forced back to the camp by rifle-wielding troops. Several shots were fired into the air.

Townpeople brandishing clubs converged on the base and threatened to storm it. But they agreed to wait for the arrival of police reinforcements. Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton said he had placed the state's national guard on alert and asked the White House for help.

Without appreciable loss of power Chun surrenders control of South Korea's KCIA

SEOUL, June 2 (R) — Lieutenant-General Chun Doo-hwan today relinquished control of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA) without appreciable loss of power.

Army strongman Chun took over as acting head of the KCIA on April 14 amid an outcry from opposition politicians and militant students that this centralisation of power would set back political development in South Korea.

He moved quickly to purge the agency of supporters of former KCIA chief Kim Jae-kyu, the confessed assassin of President Park Chung-hee who was hanged last

month. General Chun sacked 33 of the agency's 40 department heads and promised that the KCIA would no longer meddle in the affairs of other organisations and government offices. Agents monitoring the media, universities and political parties disappeared overnight.

He said the agency must have the trust and support of the people and not be seen as a political instrument, although to promote political development it had to erase elements detrimental to political growth.

By submitting his resignation to President Choi Kyu-hah today, General Chun has indicated that the remodelling of the agency has been completed. His successor has yet to be named, but the new KCIA head can be expected to be a pro-Chun man.

The resignation will please militant students who made it one of their prime demands during recent street demonstrations for more rapid democratic reforms.

By relinquishing the KCIA post, General Chun has given up the right to sit in on cabinet meetings. Opposition sources said this was a clear indication that following the introduction of the powerful military-dominated Special Committee for National Security Measures last Saturday, the cabinet no longer had any real power.

General Chun now heads a standing committee nominally under the Special Committee which is expected to take over the cabinet role increasingly, according to the sources.

The full list of names of this 30-man body has yet to be announced but authoritative sources said it would consist of 19 military men and 11 civilians.



Masayoshi Ohira

Mr. Ohira is suffering from angina pectoris triggered by fatigue, said a bulletin released by Tokyo's Toranomon hospital. "He will need hospital treatment at least for another week, but there is little possibility of his condition worsening in the future."

The leaders of the major opposition Japan Socialist Party (JSP) and centrist parties in their campaign speeches urged voters to end 25 years of rule by the LDP.

The JSP, the centrist Komeito (Clean Government Party), the anti-communist, centrist Democratic Socialist Party and two other minor centrist parties appealed for support to pave the way for a coalition government.

Mr. Ohira issued a statement today saying: "There is no other party except (the LDP)... which can cope with this difficult period and ensure a future for our country."

The general election will take place simultaneously on June 22 with the triennial election for 126 of the 252-seat upper house, for which campaigning was launched officially last Friday. The LDP holds a thin majority in both houses.

In the meantime, 150 Soviet SS-20s are already in place. One more comes out each week and the Soviet Union will soon have four warheads instead of three on these multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles (MIRVs), according to NATO intelligence sources.

At the same time as it decided to deploy 108 Pershing-II missiles in West Germany and 464 Cruise missiles in five West European countries, NATO offered immediate negotiations with Moscow to limit the number of land-based, medium-range nuclear missiles on both sides.

It also announced the unilateral withdrawal of 1,000 U.S. nuclear warheads from Europe. The withdrawal is now taking place.

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PARIS, June 2 (R) — Pope John Paul today warned that the world's political equilibrium was fragile and could be destroyed at any time with a risk of nuclear warfare.

In a major address to the U.N.'s Paris-based Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the Pope also condemned curbs on the sovereignty and culture of nations in Europe and elsewhere.

The Pope, on the final day of a four-day visit to France, told scientists they were threatening the future of mankind by developing weapons of war and manipulating genetics.

"The world has been led into an unstable situation due to geopolitical reasons, to wounded national pride, to the materialism of our age, to the decadence of moral values," he declared.

"It has been led to a fragile equilibrium which risks being destroyed from one moment to the next because of errors of judgement, information or interpretation," the Pontiff added.

"Can we still be certain that the breakdown of this equilibrium would not lead to a war with use of nuclear weapons?" he asked.

To prevent this danger the Pope urged scientists: "Pledge all your moral authority for the salvation of humanity from nuclear destruction."

The Pope went on: "We are

well aware that the future of mankind is threatened, radically threatened, in spite of very noble intentions, by men of science."

The Pope said that although science should serve mankind, it was too often used for destructive aims, in the field of genetic manipulation for example, or in the development of chemical, bacteriological or nuclear weapons.

Turning to the world of culture, the Pope said his native Poland had kept its identity through centuries of troubles "by uniquely defending its culture."

"Watch over this fundamental sovereignty. Protect it. Never permit it to become the prey of political or economic interests," he declared.

In an apparent allusion to communist East Europe, the Pope asked: "Are there not, on the maps of Europe and the world,

nations which have a historic sovereignty of their culture which is less at the very same time of their full sovereignty?"

The 60-year-old Pope took aim at education in both the communist and western worlds.

In an obvious allusion to Europe, he reaffirmed the right of nations to their own identity, the faithful not to be driven submitted to the programmes of the "Herein lies one of the fundamental rights of man."

Discussing highly industrialised societies, the Pope said he suffered from a loss of confidence and was in love meant "the maximum sexual pleasure of any sense of ability."

Italy's Communists to continue impeachment proceedings against 1

ROME, June 2 (R) — Italy's Communist Party (PCI) leaders today voted as expected to press ahead with impeachment proceedings against Prime Minister Francesco Cossiga.

Some 30 members of the party's ruling directorate took less than 90 minutes to reach their decision.

Mr. Cossiga, 51, was cleared by a parliamentary commission two

days ago of allegations, tipped off Christian politician Carlo Donat Cattin, his son Marco, suspect a leader of an urban group, was about to be

Mr. Donat Cattin has signed as the vice-president Cossiga's Christian (DC) party. Both Mr. Mr. Donat Cattin, denied any wrongdoing.

The PCI will now attack the signatures of 31 senators in the two parliament in order to impeach Mr. Cossiga. The PCI holds 310 seats in only need eight votes to get the necessary support.

The PCI must submit within five days a bill to the next sitting of parliament after which a date for would be set.

The prime minister's Mr. Roberto Sandalo, Marco Donat Cattin's ally suspected of menial Prime Linea guerrilla.

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A better world for children

Children are hit first and hardest by environmental dangers — from lead poisoning to inadequate water supply. Most vulnerable of all are the 350 million children whose basic needs for food, water, health care and education are not met.

The Year of the Child aroused concern for the world's 1,500 million children. In a way, that was the easy part. Somehow that concern now has to be translated into action to make their environment a better place to grow up in. But with 350 million children lacking even basic needs like food and shelter, it will be a daunting task.

In its latest State of the Environment Report, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) sets out the practical ways in which the quality of life of every child could be improved: better housing, clean water, less pollution, more schools and so on.

In the developing world, the first task is to make sure today's children survive to become adults. In the industrialised countries there are an average 15 deaths per 1,000 live births — in the poorer African and Asian nations that figure rises to 129. Weakened by malnutrition, most die from preventable diseases.

The worst killer is filthy water. A long list of diseases like cholera, typhoid and typhus are associated with dirty water. WHO has estimated that up to 80 per cent of disease cases are traceable to impure water and poor sanitation.

Just as important is a decent diet. UNEP says that "nutritional anaemia afflicts children in most parts of the developing world." At present, world food production is barely keeping pace with population growth.

More pesticides, and in greater variety, are being enlisted in the

battle to meet the growing demand for food. These pesticides can contaminate human milk and though information is sparse, the report says that mothers can pass on small amounts of these pollutants to their infants.

Children are the section of society most vulnerable to a contaminated environment. In the cities they are at the risk from the pollution in the form of smoke, sulphur oxides and lead from car exhausts. In the U.S., out of 126,347 children screened recently for lead in the blood, 7,449 needed treatment to reduce lead burdens. Too much lead in the blood can cause brain damage.

Migration and natural increase are swelling the slums and shanty towns. In some Third World cities they are growing at a rate of 15 per cent every year.

The shanty town is a world of concentrated deprivation and violence, where family ties are loosened by overcrowding and by the necessity of parents and elder children to work long hours to earn a bare existence. There are no statistics which can measure the effect on the next generation of growing up in such blighted environment.

Equally damaging to the child is the lack of education. Enrolment in primary schools doubled in the developing countries between 1960 and 1975, but about one-third of their 6-11 year olds don't even start school. And with 40 per cent of their populations under the age of 15, it will take an even greater effort in the future to maintain today's level of enrolment.

In some of the poorer countries virtually all the children living in the countryside grow up unable to read or write. It is a vicious circle — when their turn comes to be parents, they will have little appreciation of the value of education.

Poverty is not the only cause of

an environment inimical to children. In the wealthier countries the special needs of children have often been forgotten amid the welter of public health and planning laws.

High-rise apartment blocks, for instance, meet all the requirements, but UNEP says "they often still provide a bad environment for the development of children. There is a real need for studies that will ensure that houses in future provide a mini-

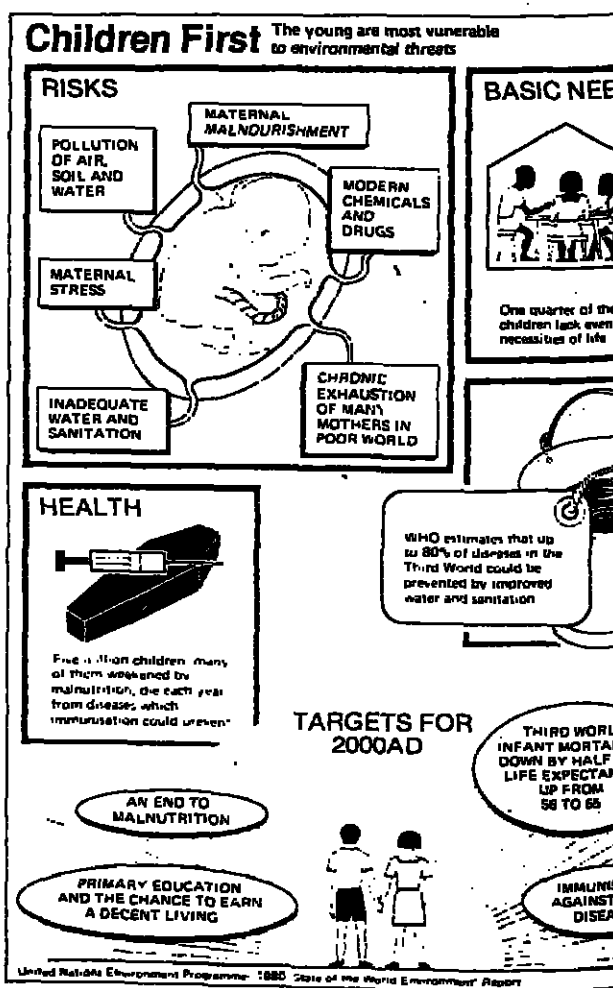
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Various U.N. agencies and other international bodies. World Bank are following head start provided by the national Year of the Child aid will help, but as the State Environment Report o

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